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Biggert Announces Federal Education Grants

Lewis University, Moraine Valley Community College To Receive Funds From Department of Education's Title III: Strengthening Institutions Program

Clarendon Hills, IL – U.S. Representative Judy Biggert (R-IL13) announced today that Lewis University and Moraine Valley Community College will receive federal funds under the Department of Education's Title III: Strengthening Institutions Program.

Biggert said Lewis University will receive \$1.76 million from the Department. Lewis University is slated to receive \$359,420 in the first two years of the program, \$343,588 in the second two years and \$355,374 in the final year. The university will use the grant to strengthen academic programs through faculty and curriculum development, acquisition of technology, and enhancing extra-curricular activities.

Moraine Valley Community College will receive \$1.75 million over five years, with each installment amounting to \$350,000. Moraine Valley will use the funds to implement a Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology.

"Lewis University and Moraine Valley Community College have always provided a quality education to people residing in the 13th Congressional District," said Biggert, a member of the House Education and Workforce Committee. "I know how hard these fine education institutions worked to qualify for and then receive these grants. This money will allow them to meet their mission of providing the very best education possible to students from all areas of the state. The Strengthening Institutions Program provides an added measure of funding flexibility to identify and meet the students' individual needs."

The Strengthening Institutions Program allows for a wide range of programs. Examples of activities that can be funded are:

- Creating faculty development programs
- Improving funds and administrative management process
- Developing and improving academic programs
- Acquiring equipment that helps strengthen academic programs
- Acquiring equipment that strengthens the ability to manage funds
- Providing student services
- Developing other activities that will promote growth and self-sufficiency